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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN PROMOTES HONORS PROGRAMS

CHARLESTON -- Prospective Eastern Illinois University freshmen and their parents will have the opportunity to explore Eastern's Honors Programs and their benefits from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, on the EIU campus.

The annual Honors Day is meant to "showcase the Honors Programs, the campus and the faculty," said Pam Hadwiger, assistant director of the Honors Programs. She added that she hopes to see between 80 and 100 guests, including parents, turn out for the day.

The Honors Programs, with close to 500 current members, are open to incoming freshmen with ACT scores of 26 or higher, SAT scores of 1100 or higher and/or who are in the top 10 percent of their secondary school's graduating class. Students in the program must take a minimum of 25 hours in honors courses, which substitute on a one-on-one basis for general education courses.

The students benefit from early touch-tone registration, a computer lab and study areas at Booth House and a specific residence hall where members can live together. Honors classes

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have no more than 15 students per class and members have special honors advisors. Furthermore, outstanding participants may be awarded scholarships or tuition waivers in recognition of their scholastic abilities.

Honors Day will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. in Room 122 of Lumpkin Hall, followed by welcoming remarks. Brunch will be provided at 11 a.m. in Taylor Hall. At noon, parents and students will split into separate sessions to learn more about the program. Campus tours will also be offered throughout the day.

The day is free. To register or for more information, call 581-2017.